

Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States

COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

In Memoriam

WILLIAM M. MINTZER

Brevet Brigadier-General U. S. Volunteers

DIED AT CLEVELAND OHIO MARCH 31 1916

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HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

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WILLIAM M. MINTZER.

Quartermaster Sergeant 4th Pennsylvania Infantry April 21, 1861; mustered out July 27, 1861.

First Lieutenant 53rd Pennsylvania Infantry September 18, 1861; Captain June 2, 1862; Lieut.-Colonel September 29, 1864; Colonel October 30, 1864; honorably mustered out June 30, 1865.

Brevetted Brigadier-General U. S. Volunteers March 13, 1865, "for gallant and meritorious services."

Elected February 4, 1891. Class 1. Insignia 8461.

Council of the Commandery May 2, 1906-1908; January 2, 1912-1914.

Born June 7, 1837, in Chester County, Pa.

Died March 31, 1916, at Cleveland, Ohio.

Companion William M. Mintzer was born in North Coventry Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, June 7, 1837, the son of Henry and Rebecca Mintzer. He resided in Pottstown, Pa., almost his entire life. He was married to Amelia Weand, of Pottstown, who preceded him in death eleven years. His children are George W. Mintzer and John H. Mintzer.

Companion Mintzer entered the service of the United States at Pottstown, April 20, 1861, in Co. C, 4th Pennsylvania Infantry, of three months' men as a Private. He reenlisted for three years September 18, 1861, and was elected First Lieutenant Co. A, 53rd Pennsylvania Infantry, promoted to Captaincy of the Company June 2, 1862; Lieut.-Colonel September 29, 1864; Colonel October 30, and to Brevet Brigadier-General March 13, 1865, which rank he held to the close of the war. He was honorably discharged June 30, 1865.

He participated in the following battles: Fair Oaks, Gaines' Mill, Peach Orchard, Savage's Station, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Bristoe Station, Mine Run, Wilderness, Spotsylvania, North Anna, Totopotamy, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Strawberry Plains, Deep Bottom, Ream's Station, Hatcher's Run, South Side R. R., Farmville and Appomattox.

He was slightly wounded at Fair Oaks and Fredericksburg. Companion Mintzer was very active in securing the reenlistment of the men of his company.

As a young man he learned the trade of machinist in the Philadelphia & Reading Railway shops, and worked at Tamaqua with John E. Wooton, who later designed the Wooton engines used on the Philadelphia & Reading Railway. In later years he was in various business relations. He served two terms as Postmaster of Pottstown, having been appointed by President Ulysses S. Grant in 1869.

For many years he was a representative of the Berwind-White Coal Company. He was a member of M. Edgar Richards Post, No. 595, G. A. R., Department of Pennsylvania, and the Union Veteran Legion, No. 22.

General Mintzer was a familiar figure in Pottstown, and, when in feeble health, he went to live with his son in Cleveland, Ohio. His soldierly bearing and kindly manner endeared him to a large circle of acquaintances and friends.

His body was taken to Pottstown and interred in Edgewood Cemetery April 3, 1916.

JOHN R. BROOKE,
Major-General U. S. Army.
GEORGE C. ANDERSON,
Lieut.-Colonel 53d Penna. Infantry.
JOHN T. POTTS,
Captain Veteran Reserve Corps.
Committee.

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Commander

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